

Great efforts were made to influence some, by telling them it was an Orthodox Movement.

I have no doubt had there been a fair representation of the views of the abolitionists of Massachusetts there would have been a majority in favour of the New Paper.

But I like it better as it is.

The Paper must go and will go.

You may rest assured that nothing I have said, or may say, in regard to this matter, will make you any difficulty.

With a sincere desire that your health may be soon restored, and that you may be able to enter upon the duties to which you have been called

I remain Your friend

Gilbert M. Drake

G. R. Durfee
Fall River Jan 29th 1839

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Dear Brother

Agreeably to your request I have destroyed the letter which you wished. If that contained all the treason, you have been guilty of, I think you may escape. I have never shown it to any one, and have never told any one that I had received such a letter from you. So you see that ^{the} plot has not been discovered yet.

A majority of our friends here are in favour of a new paper. You probably have seen the action of the County Meeting in this place. The friends of Garrison in our Town Society have had a Meeting to pass Counter resolutions. But were out voted.

Garrison and the Liberator are fast losing ~~the~~ friends.

It seemed to me, while at the annual Meeting, that the hatred of some of our friends, was quite as strong against some other things, as against Slavery. The most shameful and base means have been used here and elsewhere to defeat our objects, and sacrifice some of the best friends of the Slave. Clerical influence, Clerical plotters, &c an attempt to throw Garrison overboard and take all the glory, &c.